

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING
JUNE 23, 2016 AT 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Eric Barna called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

City Secretary, Susie Quinn, certified a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

Mayor Eric Barna
Mayor Pro Tem Scott Bradley (arrived at 6:06 pm)
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Owais Siddiqui
Councilmember Jennifer Berthiaume
Councilmember Betty Nichols Spraggins
Councilmember Sarah Fincanon
Councilmember Don Reilly

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to speak during Public Comments.

4. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. Discussion on the FY2017 Annual Budget.

Interim City Manager Bill Shipp gave an overview of the General Operating Fund items discussed at the June 16, 2016 meeting. Support Services Manager, Kim Parker explained the Smart 9-1-1 in more detail. Council asked several more questions regarding if the company has any competition. They asked if there is any information available of its success in cities currently using the system. And if the project could become part of the soon to be created Regional 9-1-1 District. Consensus was reached to wait one more year on the project.

Bernie Parker gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding his department's projected needs. He discussed the mowing contract. Council stated that they would like for the City's medians to look like Renner Road's medians in Richardson. Discussion regarding Heritage Parkway and the use of pavers at the intersection continued with Council appearing to not be interested in this being a part of a RFP Committee discussion. Items presented for discussion in the 2016-2017 budget include a Vac-Con Combination Sewer Cleaner Truck, a Camera Equipped Service Trailer and a 2016 Variable Message Board. Several questions were asked as to the usefulness of these items and if they could be leased or rented instead of purchased. Maintenance costs were also questioned.

Wendle Medford discussed needed updates to the Audio/Visual (AV) equipment in the Council Chambers. He explained that the current equipment is eleven years old. They requested a demonstration be conducted to see some of the upgrades proposed in action.

The Utility Fund was discussed at length with several questions about the pass-through rate increases being a priority. A presentation from NewGen, the company who prepared the City's water and sewer rate study was requested. Questions about separating the pass-through

portion of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) increases being reflected on the water bill were asked. The Council would like for it to be separated so that citizens can see that the water and sewer rate increases is money collected but not kept by Murphy but is passed on to be used for upgrades to the NTMWD by the contract between NTMWD and Murphy. A Stormwater Improvements Study to be completed by the City's Engineers was discussed along with the question about the costs for that study.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.



ATTEST:

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Susie Quinn, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Eric Barna, Mayor